

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

August, 2018

The Borough Council met in an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. and in a regular session at 8:00 p.m. at the William Reinl Recreation Building on the above date with President Short presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Council President Harry Short.

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**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: H. Short; S. Urban; S. Oropollo; M. Corrigan; S. Durso; J. Connolly

Council members absent: S. Maiden

Officers present: P. Close, Engineer; P. Rankin, Treasurer; J. White, Borough Manager

Officers absent: J. McBlain, Solicitor; C. Maniaci, Mayor

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban seconded by Councilman Connolly the minutes from the July 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

None

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Maniaci was absent.

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

Borough Manager John White reported that since school will be back in session, we will be restriping all of the crosswalks in town.

Mr. White also reported that Mike Barnhart and he did a Punch List for the 2018 Road Program; there were only 6 minor areas of concern. Mike will review the videos to see if the damage was done during the resurfacing or if they were there before.

There were three sinkholes between the months of July and August, one being on Walnut Avenue that was the homeowners lateral, the second on Linden Avenue & Magnolia Avenue, that will be taken care of by the borough and the third is on Providence Road and Linden Avenue, the manhole is caving in and a new box was needed. The box should be in within the next week and is also the responsibility of the borough.

Mr. White advised about upcoming community events. The American Legion Pancake Breakfast, Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>. All you can eat pancakes and eggs to order. Aldan Swim Club has a movie night this Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The movie will be a Halloween themed movie and is \$5 per person.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS****TREASURER**

Mrs. Rankin read the Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand	\$ 1,102,832.42	\$ 116,085.07	\$ 491,855.54
Receipts for period	\$ 45,716.55	\$ 2.52	\$ 3,860.16
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 124,425.93	\$ 80,905.51	\$ 1,390.75
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 1,024,123.04	\$ 5,182.08	\$ 494,324.95

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval for the following amounts of checks; from General Fund \$124,425.93, for the State Highway Fund \$80,905.51, and Sewer Fund \$1,390.75. Councilwoman Urban made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as reported and authorize the disbursements of funds, seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan and unanimously approved.

### **SOLICITOR**

Solicitor John McBlain was absent but Ms. Goffney stood in for Mr. McBlain. Ms. Goffney reported that there have been a number of real estate transfers this spring and summer and with the assistance of Borough Manager, John White, the borough has been able to recoup a number of abatement liens which include interest and fees.

In early September there is an upset tax sale at the county, with the assistance of the borough manager, the borough will be submitting a list of outstanding liens and invoices on those properties listed for the upset tax sale.

Mr. Morse asked if the liens were sent to the county for 2016 and prior years for the upset tax sale. Ms. Goffney stated that they were not sent yet but she will send them.

### **ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on the 2017 CDBG project and 2018 Road Program and the pothole portion of that project, the punch list is being coordinated as the Borough Manager stated along with maintenance bonds and closeout paperwork and the final payment request.

Around the end of the year will be the time for us to prepare another CDBG application for 2019, generally in October we will get applications submitted to the borough. After discussions earlier in the year with the borough manager and borough president, one of the projects that the borough may be interested in for next year is street light replacements with LED lamps.

Council may recall relative to our NPDS Storm Water General Permit, back in September we submitted that renewal package and the regulations require much more paperwork than in previous years. We received a review letter on August 10<sup>th</sup>, so they have some recommendations and comments for improvement of our documents so Mr. Close's project engineer and MS4 Specialist have arranged a meeting for September 7<sup>th</sup> with the DEP Representative just to understand their feedback.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilman Durso reported on the July trash and recycling totals. In the month of July there were 181.38 tons of trash and 22.76 tons of recycling.

Mr. Durso also commented on the July 28<sup>th</sup> E-Cycling and Shredding Event shared with Clifton Heights. He has yet to receive any totals from that event but will share when he receives it.

Councilman Durso also stated that there has been positive testing in the Upper Darby area with mosquitoes for West Nile Virus, none in Aldan. He did speak with Jim Maloney of Intercommunity Health today; they had planned to spray but were unable to due to the weather. He advised with all the rain to get rid of any standing water.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilman Maiden was absent.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo stated that the sinkholes will be filled that are the responsibility of the borough.

Mr. Oropollo advised that if homeowners have issues with water to call him and also to call a plumber so they can video where the issue is. The borough is only responsible for the Main.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported that Collingdale Fire Company #1 and #2 responded to 7 calls in the month of July, all of which resulted in no damage. Collingdale EMS along with surrounding EMS responded to 27 calls in the month of July for the Borough of Aldan. Regarding the fire on June 28<sup>th</sup> on Elm Avenue, the report is still not finalized. Once the report is finalized they will notify us of the monetary damage.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Connolly there were 56 building permits issued with a construction value of \$161,573.00. In addition 10 transfer inspections and 15 midterm inspections were completed for the month of July.

The construction at the Getty at Oak Avenue and Providence Road is still being done. They are having issues with the contractors. One carpeting contractor failed 3 inspections for the same things and the plumbing contractor has left the job without comment. Citations are being issued so we can have this work completed.

A permit for a pool was denied at 66 Albert Avenue, the applicant proposed the pool to be in what is the front yard on Magnolia Avenue, and in order to attempt to get this approved they would need to obtain a variance.

### **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Urban reported from the Treasurer's report that the expenditures were slightly higher than normal this month due to our disbursement of funds for the Road Program. However, our deposits were high this month, totaling about \$30,000, mostly due in part because of our real estate transfer taxes that were high this month.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing outstanding.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Caucus will be held Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M at the Municipal Building

Council will meet Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at a 7:00pm in the William Reinl Recreation Center.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

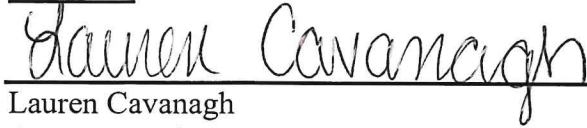
Mr. Duffy shared with council and residents that over the next 3 year period beginning in 2019, 3 of the borough organizations will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 2019 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Aldan 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. In 2020 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 2. The third organization celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is Colonial Playhouse in 2021.

Mrs. Rankin also shared that on September 22, will be Founder's Day which is the same day that Aldan was founded 125 years ago.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban and seconded by Councilman Connolly, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 7:27pm.

**ATTEST**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Cavanagh". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Lauren Cavanagh  
Asst. Borough Secretary